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St. Louis County Department of Public Health COVID-19 Update

St. Louis County Parks

Many St. Louis County Parks reopened yesterday, April 28th, with some limitations. These restrictions include keeping facilities like bathrooms, shelters, and skate parks closed. Also, many trails have also been designated as “one-way” trails.

The St. Louis County Department of Public Health (DPH) reminds everyone that social distancing guidelines still remain in effect when enjoying county parks. Social distancing, or “physical distancing,” means keeping space between yourself and other people outside of your home. Key components include keeping six feet of space between you and other people and not gathering in large groups.

The following St. Louis County Parks reopened with some limitations: Bee Tree, Bella Fontaine, Blake C. Snyder Memorial, Buder, Butler Lake, Castlepoint, Cliff Cave, Champ, Creve Coeur, Faust, Fort Belle Fontaine, George Winter, Grant’s Trail, Greensfelder, Jefferson Barracks, Laumeier Sculpture Park, Lemay, Lone Elk (drive-thru only), Love, Lower Meramec, McDonnell, Ohlendorf West, Queeny, Sherman Beach, Simpson, Sioux Passage, Spanish Lake, St. Vincent, Suson, Tilles, Unger, Veterans Memorial, and West Tyson.

The following St. Louis County Parks will continue to be temporarily closed: Antire, Bissell House, Black Forest, Bohrer, Bright, Classe, Ebsworth, Endicott, Hunter's Ford, King, Kinloch, Larimore, Mackenzie, Mathilda-Welmering, Memorial, Ohlendorf, Robert Winter, Schaefer Bend, St. George
Sylvan Springs, and Widman.

All programs, activities, events and rentals (regardless of size) are canceled thru at least Friday, May 15.

Fair Housing Rights and COVID-19

The Fair Housing Act protects people from housing discrimination based on their race, color, sex, religion, national origin, disability, or family status. Most forms of housing, as well as other activities like buying homeowners or renters insurance, are covered under the Act. People who are infected with COVID-19 may also be protected under the protected classes covered in the Fair Housing Act. The attached guide is an introduction to how the Fair Housing Act can help individuals affected with COVID-19 to ensure they are treated fairly during housing-related activities.

Dignified Transfer Center

The Dignified Transfer Center is currently accommodating eight decedents. Four additional individuals have been through the center and transported to a crematorium or funeral home, at the request of family. To date, twelve individuals have entered the Dignified Transfer Center.

Contact Tracers

The application process for contact tracers has closed. Approximately 800 interested individuals applied for the positions.

Contact Information

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services hotline can be reached at (877)435-8411.

St. Louis County has created a website dedicated to the dissemination of information relating to COVID-19, www.stlcorona.com. Please visit that website or those belonging to the Center for Disease Control (CDC) or the World Health Organization (WHO) for the most current and reputable information.



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